

Legal Issues for Home Health Aides and Attendants

Satellite Conference

Wednesday, April 7, 2004

2:00-4:00 p.m., Central Time

Surveys show that home health care is growing phenomenally at a rate as high as 35 percent each year. It is the increase in availability of home health care agencies and the services they provide, that is permitting senior citizen's to once again choose to remain in their own homes and receive the health care they need. Along with this trend is the increasing complexity of the legal world in which we live from patients' rights to protecting confidentiality. While health care providers traditionally focus on training programs concerning new and emerging treatments, it is also important to be aware of and knowledgeable about legal issues in the home health field. This program will present the latest information specific to home health aides and attendants including tort law, fraud, patient abuse and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

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Objectives:

1. Discuss how tort law relates to the job performance of the home health aides and home attendants.
2. Explain the importance of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and confidentiality regarding home care patients.
3. Discuss fraud as it relates to documentation in the patient record.
4. Recognize the importance of reporting patient abuse.

Conference Details:

Target Audience: Home Health Aides and Attendants

Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn

Cost: No cost to view

Satellite Coordinates: C & Ku Band

Conference Materials: Posted on our website approximately one week before the program

Questions: alphtn@adph.state.al.us or 334-206-5618

Issues or questions you want addressed DURING this conference?

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Upcoming Home Health Program for Aides and Attendants

**Wednesday, May 19, 2004
2:00-4:00 p.m., Central Time
(Topic To Be Announced)**

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